



BJA Bureau of Justice Assistance

CONSTRUCTION OF CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES ON TRIBAL LANDS PROGRAM

Administered by the Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), grants under the Construction of Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Discretionary Grant Program help federally recognized tribes construct or renovate correctional facilities on tribal lands used for the incarceration of offenders subject to tribal jurisdiction. BJA works with Justice Planners International and the Justice Solutions Group to enhance the provision of training and technical assistance services to each construction project.

As of September 2008, 18 tribes have completed construction of new facilities, 17 tribes have received certificates of occupancy from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs, 3 are actively engaged in design and construction of new facilities, and 4 tribes are renovating existing structures so they can achieve federal compliance and become operable. In FYs 2007 and 2008, the program was designed to assist tribes interested in renovating correctional facilities or planning the construction of correctional facilities. In FY 2007, BJA funded 8 additional renovation projects and 17 planning grants, and in FY 2008, BJA funded 11 renovation grants and 5 planning grants.

Other accomplishments under the Construction of Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Discretionary Grant Program include:

- Renovation grants to achieve sight and sound separation between adults and juveniles in existing Indian Country jails have been awarded to the Colorado River Indian Tribes, Arizona; the Fort Belknap Indian Community, Montana; the Quinault Indian Nation, Washington; and the Yakama Indian Nation, Washington.
- A 3-day Tribal–Federal Working Group held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, resulted in the draft publication *Planning for the Future of Corrections and Detention in Indian Country*;
- A Strategic Planning Workshop was held for the Arizona Tribal Justice and Rehabilitation Coalition.

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